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A colorful link between Torrance, its industries, people and their institutions and the miracle of the 20th Century—radio—will be forged next Thursday.

That link will consist of 10,000 copies of a 64-page souvenir edition of The Herald.

This huge issue will start rolling off the presses on Tuesday in order to allow ample time for binding and insertion with the regular weekly edition of this newspaper next week.

Advance proofs of completed pages indicate that the "Torrance-On-the-Air" edition will be distinctive in many ways. For instance:

- Some Notable Features
- Hundreds of new photographs, painstakingly engraved for the best possible reproduction. Illustrate local scenes, people, notable events—
- All news stories have been edited short and concise—you won't have to "wade thru" a lot of words to grasp the meaning of the articles—
- Color has been employed to feature many of the pages; the latest method of color printing being employed to lend a visual charm to the whole edition—
- A magazine style has been adopted to "tell the story of Torrance" in typographical manner that has seldom been used in newspaper history—

Reserve Copies Now!
•The complete story, together with many interesting news-pictures, has been written of the new KNX-CBS transmitter station whose formal dedication at a dinner-broadcast-program Friday night, Sept. 16, this "Torrance-On-the-Air" edition commemorates—

•And especially prepared graphs, composed from accurate statistical records of this city, have been used to depict this community's amazing progress on many fronts.

This souvenir edition, with its cover designed by one of the Southland's outstanding commercial artists, will go on sale next Thursday afternoon, Sept. 15. The price per copy is 10 cents. Those who make reservations for extra copies now—and until the date of issue—may have their orders mailed anywhere in the United States for that price.

Tempo of Torrance
A reservation blank, with space for 10 mailing addresses, published elsewhere in today's Herald—fill it out at once with the names of friends to whom you want to send "Torrance-On-the-Air" editions. After next Thursday, Sept. 15, the mailing price per copy will be 15 cents.

Most of the advertisements in this souvenir edition carry out the pictorial note of the whole issue. They contain new photos of business houses or industries which serve to enlarge the "photo coverage" of the city given in the issue.

The Herald honestly believes that in presenting "Torrance-On-the-Air" it has caught the tempo of Torrance, put it in black, white and color and compiled a publication worthy of anyone's attention.

The staff has worked hundreds of over-time hours in preparing it for the presses and has tried to encompass in its 64 pages a community record which may be used as source of historical facts for many years to come.

Fists Fly After Crossing Crash

It took the combined efforts of Officers Haslam and Traylor to hold Steve Carter of this city off Irvin Miller, Fullerton, after the two men had become involved in an auto collision at Cravens and Post avenue Monday night. No one was injured in the crash or subsequent melee although Carter's two youngsters suffered bumps on their heads when the cars came together. Officers reported that Carter turned on them and wanted to do battle after he was restrained from pummeling Miller. This was the second accident and fist fracas at the same intersection in recent months for Carter, according to police. No charges were filed against either the local resident or the Fullerton man.

Radio Salute to City Based on Herald Feature

For 15 minutes—between 3:45 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon—radio listeners thru-out the Pacific Coast were treated to a Columbia Broadcast extolling the history, accomplishments and community features of Torrance. The program was one of the series of "City Salutes" originating at the KNX studios.

Most of the material for the broadcast was taken from one of the features of The Herald's "Torrance-On-the-Air" souvenir edition which will be published next Thursday, Sept. 15. This is the history of the city written in radio script technique by Michael Strasser, city editor of this newspaper. It was from proof sheets of this interesting method of reporting that the CBS Pacific Coast broadcast was prepared.

Those who missed the actual broadcast may read Strasser's feature in the souvenir edition next week. The entire broadcast was written from material supplied to KNX from advance proofs of The Herald's edition which commemorates the dedication of the new KNX transmitter station next week.

RAID NETS EIGHT POKER PLAYERS HERE

Eight men were arrested for gambling at a Narbonne avenue pool hall when two local officers and a deputy sheriff raided the place and assertedly found them playing poker last Friday night. The raid was ordered by Director Stroh after he had received a number of complaints concerning the alleged gambling going on at the pool hall at 2333 and Narbonne operated by E. C. Stubblefield, 26, of 2122 Andro.

Stubblefield, according to police, was collecting a percentage on the games. He was released on \$50 bail while the others were freed on \$25 bail to appear before City Judge Robert Lessing next Monday, Sept. 12 for trial.

Those booked at the police station following the raid were: Art Brumby, 25, Compton; K. E. Wilson, 43, 2330 21st; Jack M. Owen, 45, W. D. Spicer, 40, and C. P. Dellinger, 49, all of Long Beach; M. J. Gorman, 42, 2061 235th, and John Mansson, 36, 2616 hotel. Sergeant Schumacher, Officer Barnett and Deputy Sheriff King conducted the raid.

City Officials at State Convention

Nearly all city officials and department superintendents attended one or more sessions of the California League of Municipalities in Santa Barbara this week. Most of the Torrance delegation remained two days at the parley. Those who did not attend were William H. Stanger, water department, and City Councilman George Powell.

Narbonne Graduate Wins Scholarship

Betsy Ann Hunt, Narbonne high school graduate with the winter class of 1938 and editor of the school paper, has enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley. She received a scholarship awarded by the U.C. Alumni Association.

SCHOOL STARTS EARLY
A week earlier than the Los Angeles city schools, St. James' parochial school at Redondo Beach began its 1938-39 term Monday. About 50 or 80 local children are enrolled there.

City Prepares Gala KNX-CBS Festivities

Tax Refunds Due As Suit Is Decided

More than 150,000 taxpayers in this and other communities of Los Angeles county will receive refunds on their 1933-34 taxes as a result of the State Supreme Court's decision in the suit of the Southern Service Company against Los Angeles county and the city of Los Angeles, County Auditor J. M. Lowery estimated this week.

Lowery said he was unable to approximate the total amount of the refund, but attorneys interested in the case estimated it at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 for that year alone.

In addition, a similar suit affecting the tax levy for 1934-35 now is pending, and similar actions for 1935-36 are contemplated. W. Sumner Holbrook, Jr., of counsel for the plaintiff in the 1933-34 action, contends that the same conditions in regard to the fixing of the levies prevailed for the three fiscal years.

Nearly 100,000 claims for refunds on 1934-35 taxes have been filed, but the recent decision does not affect them, except that it may serve as precedent, should the high court decide the conditions were the same in the two years. The law allows claims for refunds within three years after the date of payment, so time remains for filing claims on 1935-36 taxes, attorneys pointed out.

Minor is Only Local Winner

Unofficial returns on the election of members of the county central committee for the various political parties were announced Tuesday by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr. The results showed that only one local resident was apparently elected. He was Harry S. Minor, steel worker, who was on the Democratic ballot.

There were 20 candidates for the seven Democratic committee members allotted to this (68th) assembly district. The results, with the first seven apparently elected, follow:

Adler, 3,601; Halstead, 4,409; Hillery, 4,586; John J. Johnson, 3,605; Harry S. Minor of Torrance, 4,397; Stone, 4,001; Story, 4,980; Bendat, 2,991; Donley, 2,678; Earl, 2,914; Goldie, 2,565; Cecil O. Johnson, 2,597; Lucas, 2,235; Neil J. McConlogue of Torrance, 3,422; McVeigh, 1,942; Mulligan, 2,521; Nall, 3,499; Porter, 2,539 and Severson, 1,110.

Evening School Starts Sept. 12

Coincident with the resumption of regular school activities, the adult education program at Torrance Evening high school will open for the fall term Monday night, Sept. 12, according to Principal B. L. Fitzgerald, who has succeeded Guy L. Mowry as head of the evening school.

"Only a few years ago, adult schools were largely for foreigners or for those interested in industrial courses," Fitzgerald said. "Gradually conditions have changed so that the adult education program includes a large variety of subjects which reach people with diversified interests and varied abilities. This year it is planned to enlarge the scope of the work offered at Torrance and make improvements in the organization that will be of even greater service to the community.

"Respective of one's needs, whether he desires to improve his general training, make himself

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SCHOOLS RE-OPEN HERE AND IN LOMITA NEXT MONDAY 2,000 EXPECTED TO ENROLL

Next Monday morning, Sept. 12, all schools in Torrance and Lomita will re-open to start the 1938-39 term.

More than 2,000 youngsters in the two communities are expected to flock back to classrooms they vacated last spring. In addition to familiar teachers they will meet a number of new instructors and, in Torrance and Narbonne high schools, will have an opportunity of registering for several new courses.

The school session will start promptly at 9 o'clock. Faculty members at the two high schools will have a pre-term meeting starting at 8 o'clock. At Torrance high school, students will meet in the gymnasium for an assembly introduction program and then go to the various classrooms for study assignments and receive their books.

Many New Teachers
Principal Thomas Elson advises that local high school students who ordinarily eat their lunches at the cafeteria should bring their own mid-day meal because the cafeteria will not be in operation the first day. The Monday session will close at 2:35 o'clock.

In addition to Coaches' Pete Zamperini and Robert Barr, Torrance high school will have several new teachers this term. Principal Elson said this week that he was unable to announce the complete staff because of several "last day" changes.

At Lomita's Narbonne high school the new principal is John L. Abbott, who has succeeded Miss Clemetina de F. Griffin. Miss Sara F. Wolverson has been appointed vice-principal, succeeding Ben Comrada who has been transferred to the vice-principalship of Robert Louis Stevenson Junior high school in East Los Angeles. Miss Wolverson has been on leave of absence for the past year from Los Angeles high school.

Buildings Renovated
Principal Abbott said yesterday that the Narbonne campus will include about 12 new teachers. Phillip Lieb, coach last year, has been transferred to a school at Long Beach.

Tests Prove New Transmitter Has Great Power

Four weeks of exhaustive tests under the supervision of E. K. Cohan, CBS director of engineering; Leo Shepard, supervisor of the plant, and James L. Middlebrooks, CBS liaison engineer, the new 50,000-watt transmitter here has been found to operate above the engineers' expectations.

Extensive field tests during the last month have shown the signal intensity of the new transmitter to exceed by several percent the specifications laid down for it last year. Linked with the \$1,750,000 KNX studios which were opened this spring in Hollywood's Columbia Square, the new transmitter completes America's most modern and efficient broadcasting unit.

Tremendous Amplification

Some idea of the delicacy and complexity of this huge transmitting instrument may be gained from a glance at the amplification range over which it must carry program impulses without the slightest distortion. The impulses emanating from the studio microphone are so weak that it would require the output of some 24,000,000,000 microphones to illuminate a single 40-watt light bulb.

Amplified for transmitting purposes, the same impulses leave the 490-foot tip of the KNX antenna tower with enough power behind them to illuminate a small town. The output ratio of microphone to transmitter is one to 36 trillion.

Admission Day Holiday Friday

California became one of the United States 88 years ago tomorrow. Admission Day, a state holiday, will be observed here by the closing of both banks and all city offices.

Oil Boom Moves South and West With Big Rush

Altho the South Torrance oil field continued to hold its lead as one of the major producing centers of the state this week, there were unmistakable indications that the boom is sweeping farther south and east. Present drilling in the Lomita and Harbor City extensions of the local field is proceeding rapidly. Contrasted with the South Torrance activity which has been limited to a few blocks, the new development is expected to cover several square miles.

Operators in this area were considerably irritated by news stories appearing last week in a Los Angeles paper that purported to show drilling in South Torrance has "collapsed" and the field was settling back to its pre-boom stagnation. The state mining and oil bureau, it was determined by local men interested in the South Torrance field, received no filings of abandonment here for the past month—a fact which proved the Los Angeles report was greatly in error.

Completion of the Lermans
No. 1 well by California Star Oil in the D and B Harbor City area was reported Tuesday with production fixed at 750 barrels a day. Oil men predict that within two weeks the adjoining territories will be seeing with activity. They say the train of affairs around the D and B discovery well will reach its peak of development about Dec. 1.

May Convert Gas
The Lermans producer is the fourth to be completed in the Lomita extension. There are 22 wells either drilling or preparing to drill in that area at the present time. In addition, locations for about 15 new projects have been staked, according to field reports.

Because a large quantity of natural gas has been discovered at the booming Harbor City extension, a gas absorption plant is being planned for that area by the Ingelwood Gasoline company, now making surveys with a view to erecting the plant if production is found sufficient. Three wells completed by the D and B Oil company there are said to be releasing large quantities of natural gas. With plans to develop nearly 100 drilling sites within a few months, oil men are seeking means to utilize the escaping wet gas and make it into gasoline.

General Petroleum and Superior
Oil may run lines to the field and make use of their nearby tank farms. Superior operates an absorption plant on Normandie avenue near the edge of the field.

More Wells Finished
The Texas company is drilling at 2,280 feet in its Oakley No. 1, east of the D and B; Richardson Oil is grading a site for its Spring No. 1, and the Sierra Trading company is building a derrick for its first drilling job there.

Pumping 210 barrels of 27.0 gravity cutting 10 percent, C. L. McWhorter's Kalpa No. 1 on 235th, one block east of Pennsylvania, was completed this week. Flat Oil has finished its No. 1, on Pennsylvania slightly (Continued on Page 2-A)

Drunk Driver Causes Injury

While very much under the influence of liquor, Chester T. Kearns, 1608 W. 182nd street, crashed his car into a machine driven by B. W. Hagen, 25120 Eshelman avenue, Lomita, at the Hydril plant on Lomita boulevard Sunday night. He was booked for driving while intoxicated and causing injury, a felony. Hagen was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises.

According to N. H. Jones, Brea, who was following Kearns, the local man drove off the road twice, stalled his car when he sidled into some sand near the pump house on Lomita boulevard and then continued on some 200 yards to smash into Hagen's machine.

750 Available Tickets Expected to be Sold Out for Big Event

With a cast of nationally-famed radio stars definitely scheduled to appear on the gala program to be broadcast by remote control from the Civic Auditorium, arrangements for other features connected with the formal opening Friday night, Sept. 16, of the new KNX-CBS 50,000-watt transmitter station here were being made this week by the local committee appointed by Mayor William H. Tolson.

These include decoration of the Auditorium, conferences with an experienced caterer on the dinner menu; service of the dinner by members of the American Legion Auxiliary, starting at 7 o'clock; reception of guests and technical details preparatory to the broadcast from Torrance.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce reports the advance sale of tickets to the dinner-festivities, priced at \$1.50 each, is exceeding expectations. Only 750 admittance cards are to be issued and these are expected to be sold out by Saturday, Sept. 10. Those desiring to participate in the most elaborate program ever presented in this city should get their tickets at once, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister states.

Plan Special Entertainment
The ducats may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office. In addition to admission to the dinner-program, they will permit the bearers to make the first inspection tour of the new transmitter station at Hawthorne avenue and 190th street.

While the business and social leaders of the community join KNX and CBS executives at the banquet in celebration of the dedication of the \$350,000 transmitter, the program will be picked up by remote control between 9:30 and 10 p. m., and broadcast over KNX and the Columbia Pacific network.

Bill Goodwin, popular master-of-ceremonies, will preside over the program which will include selections by Lud Gluskin and his 12-piece CBS orchestra, Mary Lou Cook, lightly blonde songstress; Chiquito, Latin-American tenor, Clark Ross, purveyor of popular melodies; and the Westermers Quartet.

Will Tour Plant
Donald W. Thornburgh, vice-president of CBS in charge of Pacific Coast operations, is scheduled for the dedication speech and Mayor Tolson, whose name headed the resolution designating the transmitter site as "Columbia Park," will also be heard during the broadcast.

Others to participate will include Leo Shepard, transmitter supervisor, and James L. Middlebrooks, CBS liaison engineer who was in charge of equipping the transmitter. Following the banquet and program, arrangements have been made to escort the guests on an inspection tour of the new plant.

THS TO HAVE ORCHESTRA
For the first time, Torrance high school students interested in instrument music will receive instruction in orchestra work at a full subject beginning with the opening of the 1938-39 term Monday, Sept. 12.

Principal Thomas Elson announced this week that Miss Florence Haffner has been added to the faculty to take charge of dramatics and music. She is said to be exceptionally well-qualified for these subjects and will direct the Torrance high orchestra. This study was available here several years ago as a part-time course but demand for a full course in orchestra was so compelling that Principal Elson asked for an instructor this year.

Miss Haffner was on the new list of candidates approved by the Los Angeles board of education and her qualifications led Principal Thomas Elson to ask that she be engaged for Torrance.

Future Farmers Plan Fair Booth

The Future Farmers of America at Torrance high school are preparing a booth to be exhibited at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, Sept. 16 to Oct. 2, 1938. The committee, headed by President Milton Carlson, has built a display suggesting a lath house.

Propagation of vegetable and flower plants, fruit trees and ornamentals has been carried on at the school for a number of years. Nursery projects have been successfully operated by F. F. A. members, and are well adapted to conditions in the community.

In addition to the cooperative feature, there will be individual exhibits of poultry and vegetables.

Grass Fire Races Over 700 Acres in Palos Verdes

For three and one-half hours city firemen, Walterin volunteers and members of the forestry department's fire suppression crew battled a brush blaze that swept 700 acres in the Palos Verdes hills last Sunday morning.

The fire started back of Gainsley's chicken farm at the intersection of Newton street and Highway 101. It covered about 300 acres in Torrance and then continued to blacken about 500 acres more in county territory, according to Director John Stroh of the Public Safety department.

There was no property loss because no buildings were in the path of the flames which were fanned by a strong wind.

1,000 CLUB WOMEN TO MEET HERE

Los Angeles District Federation of Women's Clubs will launch their year's program with an opening meeting in Torrance next Thursday, Sept. 15.

Some 1,000 women from various clubs of the federation are expected to attend the session, which opens at 10 a. m. in the Torrance theatre. Luncheon will be served in the Civic Auditorium and the meeting will be resumed in the theatre at 1:30 p. m.

Serving with Mrs. H. C. Barrington, president of the Torrance Woman's club, on the general committee are Mary Vonderhe, federation secretary from the local club; Mmes. Charles Schultz, Raymond Rogers, E. A. Miles, Albert Isen, Robert Lessing, Julia Neelands, Kathryn Buffington and all members of the executive board.

Week's Building Totals \$6,500
For the first time in more than a year, no building permits for new oil derricks had been taken out this week at the city engineer's office. The weekly permit total was \$6,500 of which all but \$600 was included in two construction jobs starting at the General Petroleum refinery plant here.

The refinery is building a foundation to support a 20 by 60-foot steel frame building for a lime slurry raising plant at a cost of \$2,100 and three vertical steel tanks, 11 feet in diameter by 29 feet eight and one-half inches high and two horizontal steel tanks four feet in diameter by 20 feet long, costing \$3,800.

Carl G. Pursehe, Gardena farmer and city councilman, is remodeling a two-room house, adding a kitchen and bathroom to the building on 14th street near Arlington in North Torrance at a cost of \$600.

Kiwanians Going Home for Boys
A large group of Torrance-Kiwanians will leave late tomorrow afternoon for McKinley Home for Boys near Van Nuys. They will inspect this institution from gardens to garrets and then entertain the youngsters with a special dinner-program. Chairman Robert Deininger of the club's Inter-Club Relations committee, is in charge of the trip and program.

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